(b) whether ECL have acquired land for these projects;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of land looser families and the number of families evicted or going to be evicted for these projects, mouza-wise; and

(e) the details of rehabilitation package prepared and implemented for affected families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) Puapur underground project of Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (ECL) is the only new project on which the work has been started recently.

(b) and (c). Total land requirement for the project has been assessed as 10.42 hectares. Out of which 1.78 ha. has already been acquired and the balance land in under process of acquisition.

(d) and (e). Actual number of land-loser families going to be affected due to land acquisition is under assessment. Rehabilitation shall be done as per CIL's Rehabilitation and Resettlement policy of 1994.

[Translation]

Strike by Employees of Income Tax

2119. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the class 'C' and 'D' employees of Income Tax Department went on country-wide strike during October, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof and their major demands; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to face and to check such strikes?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The class 'C' and 'D' employees of the Income Tax Department took part in the country-wide strike during October, 1996 on the question of raising the limit of productivity-linked bonus to Group 'C' and 'D' employees of the Central Government. The strike which commenced from 23.10.96 was called off on 29.10.96.

(c) As employees of various other Departments (e.g. Postal and Telecom employees) had also participated in the aforesaid strike, the call for which was given by the Confederation of Central Government Employees and Workers, the question of facing and checking such strikes is a matter of general policy to be adopted and followed by the Central Government. However, instructions already exist to deal with the cases of employees participating in strikes, and, the manner in which the strike-period should be treated.

Textiles Designing Exhibition

2120. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of textiles design exhibitions organised in Delhi during the last three years;

(b) the details of export orders bagged through such exhibition till date;

(c) whether the Government propose to organise such more exhibitions in the near future in other States including Delhi; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) No exhibition exclusively on textile desiging was held in Delhi during the last three years. However, the following major exhibitions and fairs on textiles were organised during this period :

(i) "Resham India" silk fair at Hotel Taj Palace, New Delhi in October, 1993;

(ii) An exhibition on Jute diversified products in Parliament House Annexe in May, 1995.

(b) As a result of "Resham India", export orders worth about US $ 4.2 million for silk goods were received. The focus of the exhibition on Jute diversified products was on new areas of development in the jute sector.

(c) and (d). No exhibition exclusively on textile designing is proposed to be held now. However, the India Trade Promotion Organisation in association with the Textile Export Promotion Councils and the Ministry of Textiles, proposes to organise "Tex Styles India" fair at New Delhi from 28th to 31st January, 1997.

National Coal Wage Agreement

2121. PROF. RITA VERMA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the steps being taken to work out new National Coal Wage Agreement keeping in view the fact that the period of Fifth National Coal Wage Agreement ended on June 30,1996;

(b) whether the provisions of Fifth National Coal Wage Agreement has been fully implemented; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) Joint Bipartite Committee for Coal Industry-VI is being constituted to work out the National Coal Wage Agreement-VI.

(b) and (c). All the employees are being paid wages, allowances, etc. as per the revised rates in accordance with the provision of National Coal Wage Agreement-V. Part payment of arrear wages is in progress. Modalities